

Attention Vending Machine Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received some stakeholder comments that require further research and discussion before finalizing the ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification. As a result, the February 1, 2004 effective date has been postponed until EPA can address these stakeholder concerns. Once these issues are resolved, EPA will distribute another version of the specification that includes a new effective date. It continues to be EPA's goal to finalize this specification over the next month and announce the new program at the NAMA Expo, April 1-2, 2004.

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Thank you.